

Claims Status

1. Cancelled
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3. (Currently Amended) A method for determining the accuracy of items prepared by a bulk mailer for transfer in a bulk shipment to a mailing entity for delivery to an addressee, comprising the steps of: providing on each of the items a unique machine readable code identifying the bulk mailer, the weight of the item, mailing fees for the item, and spatial ~~spacial~~ location within the bulk shipment; notifying the mailing facility after said providing of the items in the bulk shipment based on said ~~bar~~ codes for the items; reading said ~~bar~~ codes at the mailing facility; comparing said notifying and said reading and generating a report based on said comparing listing variances therebetween; and enabling access to said report to said bulk mailer and said mailing facility.
4. (New) The method as recited in claim 3 wherein the item include an addressor location at an upper corner and said code is located at said addressor location.
5. (New) The method as recited in claim 4 wherein said code includes a date identification.
6. (New) The method as recited in claim 5 wherein said code includes a bulk mailer activity indicator.
7. (New) A method for determining the status of items prepared by a mailing party for transfer in a bulk shipment to a mailing entity for delivery wherein each of said items includes an address section containing addressee specific information and an upper corner addressor section containing addressor specific information, said method of determining comprising the steps of:

providing on each of the items at said addressor location a machine readable bar code containing subset information regarding the mailing, said subset

information on each item including the date of the mailing, the weight of the item, the mailing fee for the item, and location of the item within the bulk shipment; notifying the mailing facility after said providing of the items in the bulk shipment based on said bar code for the item; reading said bar code for the item at the mailing facility; and enabling access by said bulk mailing party regarding the status of said reading.